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SUBJECT: QUAI COMMENTS ON CHILEAN SITUATION

1. QUAI AMERICAS DIRECTOR, AND FORMER FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO SANTIAGO, DE ST. LEGIER SAID GOF HOPES FOR QUICK RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM UNDER CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP, WHICH HE BELIEVES TO BE IN INTEREST OF ALL CONCERNED -- CHILE, US AND FRANCE. HE THOUGHT IT UNFORTUNATE THAT CHILEAN EXPERIMENT WITH MARXIST SYSTEM HAD NOT DIED NATURAL DEATH, THEREBY CLEARLY EXPOSING ITS INHERENT WEAKNESSES. NOW, THE LEFT WILL CLAIM IT WAS CHEATED AND THAT NO PROOF EXISTS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT MARXIST SYSTEM CANNOT FUNCTION IN THE WEST.

2. FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN VERY RESERVED ATTITUDE TOWARDS DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH USUAL FRENCH DOCTRINE, ACCORDING TO WHICH STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS REMAIN UNBROKEN DESPITE GOVERNMENT OVERTHROWS, GOF WILL TRY TO AVOID ADDRESSING QUESTION OF "LEGALITY" OF NEW CHILEAN REGIME, AT LEAST PUBLICLY.
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